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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS ON NEGOTIATIONS

1. JERUSALEM POST (BLITZER) MAR 6 WRITES THAT SECRETARY WAS REPORTED TO STILL BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SYRIAN ATTEMPTS TO SABOTAGE INTERIM AGREEMENT. UNDERSECRETARY SISCO IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD CONGRESSIONAL GROUP THAT SYRIA FEELS IT WILL BE LEFT OUT OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL TRY TO UNDERMINE US EFFORTS. DEPT OFFICIALS, ACCORDING TO STORY, REFUSED TO COMMENT ON ANDERSON'S WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ALLEGING THAT SECRETARY ALREADY HAS BROAD FRAMEWORK FOR AGREEMENT. ISRAEL OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON DISMISSED ANDERSON'S CLAIM THAT US AND SOVIETS HAVE AGREED THAT PLO WOULD REPRESENT PALESTINIANS AT GENEVA CONF. THEY NOTED SECRETARY'S REPEATED STATEMENT THAT US WOULD NOT DEAL WITH PLO AS LONG AS LATTER DID NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST. SECRETARY REPORTEDLY BELIEVES THAT HE CAN CONCLUDE AGREEMENT IN TWO WEEKS, BUT OTHER SENIOR DEPT OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY BELIEVE THAT IT MIGHT BE CLOSER TO THREE WEEKS.

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2. MAARIV (SEGEV) REPORTS THAT "VIEW IN WASHINGTON " IS

THAT TEL AVIV TERRORIST INCIDENT REPRESENTS "A PALESTINIAN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A PRESENCE" ON THE EVE OF THE KISSINGER VISIT AND TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE US AND ISRAEL WILL CHANGE THEIR LINE AND NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO. INFORMED CIRCLES HAD FORESEEN AN INCREASE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY AT THIS POINT.

3. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, SEGEV ALSO NOES THAT, ACCORDING TO "WASHINGTON DIPLOMATIC SOURCES", KISSINGER HAS ALREADY TOLD EGYPT THAT AGREEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE CONTRACTUAL AND BINDING IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. KISSINGER, THEY CLAIM, HAS A FORMULA WHICH HE THINKS IS ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL AND EGYPT, BUT WILL PROBABLY PRESENT IT ONLY AFTER HAVING HEARD THE PARTIES' LATEST POSITIONS.

4. HAARETZ (MARGALIT) CITING "ARAB SOURCES" REPORTING NEW EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL: A TWO-YEAR NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL, SUBJECT TO ISRAEL NOT ATTACKING SYRIA. " WASHINGTON OBSERVERS" THINK, THIS MAY REFLECT EGYPT'S DETERMINATION TO GIVE AGREEMENT A MILITARY CHARACTERS. MARGALIT GOES ON TO SAY "KISSINGER HAS APPARENTLY DRAFTED A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL, INVOLVING AN EGYPTIAN UNDERTAKING NOT TO ATTACK FOR TWO YEARS, AT LEAST. UNDER THE AMERICAN PLAN, ISRAEL AND EGYPT WOULD PUBLISH STATEMENTS RENOUNCING WAR AGAINST EACH OTHER, AND THE US WOULD UNDERTAKE NOT TO SUPPORT ANY ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION AGAINST EGYPT."

5. YEDIOT (KIWITY) CITES " AN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL" ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY THAT THERE IS INDEED A CERTAIN OUTLINE FOR A PROPOSED INTERIM SETTLEMENT, "BUT IF THE INTERIM SETTLEMENT EFFORT FAILS, THE SECRETARY FORESEES A CRISIS SUMMER. KEATING

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